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FOR SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT MACHEL

REF: (A) STATE 296389; (B) MAPUTO 1423

1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO THIS MORNING TO CONVEY DEPARTMENT'S TALKING POINTS ON THE ZIMBABWEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. UPON CONCLUSION OUR DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT (REPORTED SEPTTEL), CHISSANO SAID THAT HE HAD A FEW THINGS HE WANTED TO SAY CONCERNING YOUR LATEST MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL (REFTEL A).

2. CHISSANO SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPLY TO YOUR LETTER. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL DID NOT LIKE THE TONE OF THE LETTER, NOR THE "THREATS" THAT WERE IN IT. CHISSANO INDICATED THAT HE CONCURRED WITH THE PRESIDENT.

3. I REMARKED THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD FOUND YOUR LETTER TO BE THREATENING. I DID NOT. ON CONTRARY, I SAID I THOUGHT THE LETTER WAS AN HONEST AND CANDID EXPRESSION OF YOUR DEEP CONCERN THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS IN DANGER OF BREAKING UP, WITH A
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REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF THE CONSEQUENCES THAT WOULD FOLLOW IF IT DID NOT SUCCEED. THUS, YOUR APPEAL TO PRESIDENT MACHEL TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.

4. CHISSANO WAS NOT ABOUT TO AGREE. HE SAID THAT HE

HAD FOUND A "LOT OF THREATS" IN THE LETTER. HE OBSERVED
THAT GPRM WAS AWARE THAT SIMILAR LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO
PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND KAUNDA, AND CLAIMED THAT THEY TOO
WERE UNHAPPY WITH THEIR LETTERS. SINCE IT WAS CLEAR THAT
HE HAD SAID HIS PIECE AND WANTED TO DROP THE SUBJECT, I
DID NOT PURSUE.
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